

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency
Washington, DC 20250

Notice EQ-102

For: State Offices

Archeological Activities Report (CEP-66R)

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

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Background

Section 5(c) of the Archeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 and Section 13 of the Archeological Resources Protection Act of 1979 (ARPA), as amended, require that an annual report on Federal archeological activities be:

- prepared by the Secretary of the Interior
- submitted to Congress.

This report provides information about Federal archeological activities:

- to offer assistance with professional methods for archeological preservation
- for the administration of historic preservation programs.

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Purpose

This notice contains questions that must be answered in order for FSA to submit a report to the Secretary of the Interior to be included in the report to Congress.

Exhibit 1 is a series of questions that apply to archeological investigation, protection, management, recovery, and collections management activities carried out under Federal authority.

Disposal Date

December 1, 2000

Distribution

State Offices; State Offices relay to State
Environmental Coordinators

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2 Report Information

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Completing Exhibit 1

Fill out each line of Exhibit 1 with numerical data called for, or if no data to report, answer with "ND". Round all dollar amounts to the nearest hundred.

Any questions requiring a narrative answer should be brief, 200 words or less. If a narrative question is not applicable, answer with "NA".

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Submitting Exhibit 1

All responses must be received in the National Office by **COB, March 10, 2000**. A negative report is required.

After all of the questions on Exhibit 1 have been answered, FAX to James P. Fortner, CEPD, at 202-720-4619.

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Contact

If there are any questions about this notice or the completion of Exhibit 1, contact James P. Fortner at 202-720-1976 or by e-mail at jfortner@wdc.fsa.usda.gov.

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State: _____

Completed By: _____

Date Completed: _____

A. Agency Archeology Program Highlights

Briefly describe 1 exemplary project or program conducted by your office in this reporting year, highlighting its public benefits and research benefits.

B. Participation, Education, and Outreach in the Agency Archeology Program

1. _____ Number of partnership agreements (for example, cooperative, cost-share, or interagency research) in the archeology program. Do not include contracts.
2. _____ Total dollar value of contributions provided by partners (for example, money or services).
3. _____ Volunteer hours contributed to the agency for the benefit of archeology.
4. _____ Total dollar value of work performed by volunteers.

Briefly describe 1 exemplary partnership, education, or outreach program/product conducted by your office in the reporting year.

If needed, clarify responses to questions about participation, education, and outreach.

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C. Archeological Overview

1. _____ Number of area-wide overviews and non-project planning under ARPA and the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). (for example, base comprehensive plans, Forest overviews, preservation plans, or historic context statements).

D. Archeological Identification and Evaluation This section includes Section 106 undertakings and activities under Section 110 of NHPA and ARPA conducted on Federal and non-Federal land and performed or funded by agency or non-agency entities in the reporting year.

1. _____ Number of projects for which there were database and file searches, literature reviews, and map checks that resulted in a file letter, report, or other documentation.
2. _____ Number of field studies to identify and evaluate archeological sites.
3. _____ Number of acres inventoried in the reporting year.
4. _____ Number of archeological sites identified in the reporting year.
5. _____ Number of archeological sites determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) by the keeper or through documented consultation with State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) in the reporting year.
6. _____ Number of archeological sites on agency managed land that were stabilized, rehabilitated, monitored, or protected (for example, anti-vandalism signs, fences, or road closures) in the reporting year. Report each archeological site protected only once. Do not include sites avoided during a Section 106 undertaking.

If needed, clarify responses to questions about archeological identification and evaluation.

E. Archeological Data Recovery Data recovery projects include recordation, surface collection, and excavation and are conducted to mitigate effects to an archeological site threatened by destruction or disturbance. This section includes Section 106 undertakings and activities under Section 110 of NHPA and ARPA conducted on Federal and non-Federal land and performed or funded by agency or non-agency entities in the reporting year.

1. _____ Number of archeological data recovery projects.
2. _____ Number of archeological sites on which data recovery was undertaken.

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If needed, clarify responses to questions about archeological data recovery.

F. Unanticipated Archeological Discoveries This section provides data on archeological properties discovered unexpectedly subsequent to agency completion of the NHPA Section 106 review for undertakings on Federal and non-Federal land and performed or funded by agency or non-agency entities in the reporting year. Include undertaking in the year it is identified even if work will not occur until the following year.

1. _____ Number of undertakings resulting in the discovery of unanticipated archeological resources.
2. _____ Number of undertakings resulting in the discovery of unanticipated archeological resources that required data recovery of significant archeological resources.

If needed, clarify responses to questions about unanticipated archeological discoveries.

G. Archeological Information Management

Describe how FSA is maintaining and improving the management of records for collections, permits, sites, and inventory. Include a description of any data-sharing efforts between your office and other organizations. If there is no change from previous years, indicate "No Change".

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H. Archeological Collections Management

1. _____ Number of items/lots or cubic feet of material remains (artifacts or samples) curated in all repositories. Provide dimension used: _____
2. _____ Percentage of amount identified in item 1 that is accessioned and cataloged.
3. _____ Number of linear feet of records associated with stored archeological materials.
4. _____ Number of Federal museums/repositories curating FSA collections.
5. _____ Number of non-Federal museums/repositories curating FSA collections.

When was the agency policy for management and preservation of its collections established or last revised, if different? How is it being implemented?

List the museums/repositories curating FSA collections. If there is no change from previous years, indicate "No Change".

If needed, clarify responses to questions about archeological collections management.

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I. Archeological Permitting These questions apply to all permits issued pursuant to Federal agency policies, procedures, or guidelines for archeological activities authorized by ARPA, the Antiquities Act, or agency-specific statutes.

1. _____ Number of permit applications received.
2. _____ Number of permits issued or in effect.
3. _____ Number of notifications to Indian Tribes of proposed work that might harm or destroy sites having religious or cultural importance to a Tribe, as required by ARPA.

If needed, clarify responses to questions about archeological permitting.
